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FROM AMBASSADOR FERGUSON

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TAGS: ESCAP, ECIN, EWWT, CE

SUBJECT: ESCAP: 31ST SESSION: PROPOSAL TO CREATE SHIPPING
COMMITTEE

REF: STATE 43928

1. UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN LONG AND DETAILED
CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSAL TO CREATE ESCAP SHIPPING
COMMITTEE. WE HAVE OPPOSED THE IDEA SINCE ITS
INCEPTION. WE OPPOSE IT NOW ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT
WILL COST MONEY, RUNS COUNTER TO JUST COMPLETED
RATIONALIZATION OF ESCAP COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND IS
NOT RPT NOT AN IDENTIFIED PRIORITY AREA (FOOD, ENERGY,
RAW MATERIALS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND EXTERNAL
FINANCIAL RESOURCES).

2. I WOULD PREFER THAT EMBASSY NOT RPT NOT TELL GSL
WE WILL GIVE THIS MATTER OUR CONSIDERATION BUT RATHER
THAT WE SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EXPERT GROUP
APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ESCAP, LAST YEAR,
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VIZ. THAT SHIPPING SHOULD REMAIN DIVIDED BETWEEN TRADE

AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEES OF ESCAP WITH NEW DEFINITION
OF RESPONSIBILITIES TO FOLLOW THAT OF APPROPRIATE
REPORT OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON SECRETARIAT UNITS
CONCERNED WITH SHIPPING. GSL IS WELL AWARE THAT US
HAS OPPOSED SHIPPING COMMITTEE PROPOSAL SINCE IT WAS
FIRST AIRED AT LAST PLENARY IN COLOMBO. WHILE WE
ARE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS LATER IN THE
SESSION IF A MAJORITY DEVELOPS IN FAVOR OF SEPARATE
COMMITTEE, WE DO NOT RPT NOT WANT TO GIVE AWAY OUR
OPPOSING POSITION NOW.
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